

## House Resolution No. 928

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of young athletes who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Ozark High School Basketball Team in Ozark, Missouri, recently distinguished themselves by taking First Place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 4A State Championship held March 15, 2003; and

**Whereas**, the talented Ozark Tigers beat the team from Paseo High School in Kansas City by a score of 71-68 during an exciting, hard-fought game that marked the Tigers' first Championship victory since 1950 and second title in school history; and

**Whereas**, the State Champion Ozark Tigers finished the season with an impressive record of 28 wins and 4 losses and such other accomplishments as claiming First Place at the West Plains Classic as well as the Springfield Blue and Gold competition, and taking Fifth Place at the Springfield Tournament of Champions; and

**Whereas**, the Ozark Tigers could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the unparalleled leadership provided by Head Coach Steve Hunter and Assistant Coaches Kevin Armstrong, Jason Howser, and Damon Seiger, all of whom have continually instilled within each of their talented players the desire to realize their full potential; and

**Whereas**, special words of commendation go out to Trainer Dave Gordon, whose commitment to personalized attention for each player and ability to teach them the basic fundamentals of training for competition greatly contributed to their overall success; and

**Whereas**, few competitors possess the athletic prowess displayed by Ozark Tigers Sam Singh, Lucas Harrell, Zane Montgomery, Matt Loveland, Clay Brandenburgh, Cade House, Joe Kissee, Matt Weatherly, Brandon Pemberton, Joe Skyles, Brice Morrison, Nathan Bilyeu, Todd Brueggemann, and Jake Schermer; and

**Whereas**, fellow students, faculty, and staff of Ozark High School, parents, and the entire community of Ozark are exceedingly proud of the Tigers for their impressive display of teamwork and unwavering unanimity while successfully aspiring towards incredible goals:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joe Skyles and the members of the 2002-2003 Ozark High School Basketball Team for taking First Place at the MSHSAA Class 4A State Basketball Championship, and in wishing them only the very best of success in all their future competitions; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Joe Skyles.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jerry Bough  
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 928, adopted March 18, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker